ingford, suddenly, "There is Mr. Barton in that far office looking through some books. O, I must speak to him. How strange that he should happen here just as you and I dropped

"That is Barton, sure enough," answered her companion, Tom Moford.

books. They still lay open on the table, and as she passed through the room Miss Waringford could not help but see as she glanced at them that they were open to "War." As she went home that afternoon she

could not get the incident out of her mind. She repeatedly told herself that Mr. Moford was merely joking about Mr. Barton, but at the same time she had to acknowledge to herself that she was considerably annoyed over the incident. incident. She had read any number of jokes in the funny columns of the newspapers about young men seeking to read their intended father-in-law a title clear in Bradstreet's on Dun's before proposing to the girl, and it had always seemed to her that if any man did such a thing he must be a sordid, mean spirited creature. The thing troubled her all the more because of the fact that she was conscious that ALL HER HURT PRIDE CAME TO THE Mr. Barton was more to her than any-body else she had ever known. She had felt that her feeling was recip-rocated, and lately she had felt cer-tain that Mr. Barton had been on the verge several times of saying the words that she was only waiting to hear. And now she tried to dismiss the whole matter from her mind.

But she was still thinking of it when But she was still thinking of it when she came down into the parlor that evening to meet Mr. Barton. They chatted for awhile on a variety of subjects, and then Mr. Barton suddenly turned to her.

"Miss Waringford," he said, "I can't Warinoford, snoke. Then she sail:

ton, and as sure as I live he is prepar-

given him the opportunity. She had proof that he was looking up the financial standing of her father that after- ton. ow, only a few hours afterwards, he had proposed to her. Why I hadn't been there, either. wards, he had proposed to her. Why I hadn't been there, either."

"And you saw me in the far office, looking at Dun's and Bradstreet's and Bradstreet's in regard to her farther. But, no, he did not. Then probably he had no defense, so he was mak"Ye-yes."

"Um-hum. Now the defendant will does.—Science."

wife disappeared. He was quite ton, not Waring-ford?" calm now, and he spoke like a lawyer 'Why?' 'I was asked so to do by Mr.

whether you loved me or whether you

would be my wife."
"To both," she answered. They both sat in silence. Then Mr. Barton spoke again. He still had his lawyer pose. Only, this time, instead of examining a witness, he was making

"Miss Waringford, I suppose that according to all the precepts of the stage | through her tears.

what I have said, to bid you good night

and go out of the door and out of your life."

Miss Waringford choked back a sob,

of the kind. Hove you. I believe that you love me, or have loved me at least, and that something which possibly could be explained away has occurred to cause you to want to dismiss me. Do you remember when we were read-\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* ing 'Lucile' together that your opin-ion of the poem after we had finished it was that it was pretty, but that Lu HY, I declare," said Miss War-ingford, suddenly, "There is the particle of the perfectly frank with each other, and so have avoided all the unhappiness that came to them because of their foolish pride. I remember sev-eral plays which you have attended with me, and how you have pointed out that the whole plot of each play hinged on some trivial incident that a single street's financial reports, and I suppose
the wants to see whether his prospecsense on the part of the hero and hero

Mr. Moford moved around a little uncomfortably in his chair. "O, can't you see when I'm joking? You take everything so seriously."

"Wel," said the girl, a little mollified. "Now, it seems to me that after what you have said you would want to prove the truth of your own such a thing in fun. So now let's go in and speak to him. Why, he's gone."

Moford talked a little while longer until he was quite certain he heard Barton's voice saying: "Down" at the elevator shaft, and then he and Miss Waringford walked into the office where Barton had been looking at the books. They still lay open on the



SURFACE.

reject me. If it is because you sim ply do not wish to marry me, then well and good. I will go. If some incident has occurred that has caused you to lose the love that I believe you once had for me, then I have a right to know it, and if I can-not explain it satisfactorily then our acquaintance shall end. Come, shali

a man can love a woman. I-I-well, this matter as you were. I saw you that's all there is to it, except—except, that I want to ask you, do you love me, will you be my wife?"

Miss Waringford sat staring ahead. Mr. Moford's words were wildly running through her head. "There is Barton and as spreas I live he in more and proposed to me."

It is conceivable that, notwithstanding all these municipal therefits, he might die, but even in death he does not escape the omnipresent municipality, for he will have to patronize the municipal undertaker—the only one—and be buried in the municipal experience.

out and proposed to me."
"The evidence," said Mr. Barton, calmly, "is indeed going strong

She had his aunt."

the finan"Who wasn't there," said Mr. Bar-

ing a denial. All her hurt pride came take the stand in his own defense. to the surface.
"I thank you for the great honor you have done me, Mr. Barton," she said, "I am very sorry, though, that you have said what you have, for I am compelled to say no."

Mr. Barton sat quite still. Then the nervousness and agitation he had displayed when he had asked her to be his wife disappeared. He was quite ton, not Waring-ford? "No, sir." examining a refractory witness.

"You say 'no.' May I ask you to drop into Barrow & Co. on my way which you said no. My question as to back to my office after lunch.' What time do you finish lunch? 'At about two o'clock.' 'So that would bring

> Miss Waringford did not move. "Take the witness for cross-examination," said Mr. Barton, sternly.
>
> Miss Waringford looked up shyly

and the ethics of all novels, this is the place where I should take my hat and coat, and, after asking you to forget take him."—Chicago Tribune.

Dectors and Surgeons in China.

Chinese doctors are very particular about the distinction between physicians and surgeons. A Chinese gentle
yether depends in China.

An eastern man has invented a machine to tell when a person is lying by the color his breath is made to produce. The man who takes a newsman was struck by an arrow which remained fast in his body. A surgeon was sent for, and it is said broke off the protruding bit of the arrow, leaving the point embedded. He refused to extract it, because the case was plearly one for a physician, the arrow he ly one for a physician, the arrow be-

produce. The man who takes a news-

A New York dispatch joyfully in-In 1853, the year in which samped the rich, can have automobiles. Maenvelopes were first issued in the chines that now cost \$1,500 ar. to sell people to the square mile. Barbados while in 1901 the total was 772,839,007. Avec or six at such a figure as this.

N. Y. Sun.

A WELL-GOVERNED CITY.

quaeldorf, Germany, la & Munici pality Owned Almost Entirely

but she did not reply. In the same even tone of voice Barton went on: "But I am not going to do anything Apart from the special attractions of this year, Dusseldorf is always an exhibition in itself. It has been well described as "the garden city of the Rhine," and no town has carried mu-nicipal housekeeping to a greater ex-tent or into more varied fields. One gets about the maximum of govern-ment which it is possible to obtain in Dusseldorf, also the extreme amount of restrictive action and control which it seems possible even for Germans to live under, says the Outlook. To enter or leave the city the visitor must travel on the state railway, and he is put down at a handsome station. He will find that all the public service monopolies are managed by the city council, beginning with the water sup-"And as sure as I live, he's preparing to propose to another girl."

Miss Waringford blushed crimson. "Why, what do you mean?"

"O," said Moford, lightly, "I see he's acts of the troubles that the misum derstanding brought about. So, for the suburbs, and is a contract the misum of the city, but runs into the suburbs, and is a contract the misum of the city, but runs into the suburbs, and is a contract the misum of the city is the city of the city is the city of the city of the city of the city is the city of the city city, but runs into the suburbs, and is owned and operated directly by the municipality. He will have to go to thousand-dollar class or not."

"Why," said Miss Waringford, angrily, "what a detestable thing to say of one's best friend."

Mr. Moford moved around a little uncomfortably in his chair. "O can't in properties the properties of the hero and hero ine were justifiable. You have said the state for his telephones, and the post office will deliver his parcels as well as his letters. He will find up to date harbor and docks on the Rhine, and warchouses and elevators along-time the properties of the hero and hero in we will nave to go to mannerpality. He will have to go to mannerpality and the state for his telephones, and the state for his telephones and the state for his tel

> ings, let at low rentals, and money is lent on easy terms from the social in-surance funds to help workmen build their own houses. There is a munici-pal savings ban't ready to receive the savings of the thrifty, another mu-nicipal bank in which are deposited the floating balances and profits of the public services lends money on mortgages, and there is the poor man' bank in the municipal pawnshop ready to advance money on persona property, and goods at something like 12 per cent. There are beautiful parks, a people's garden in the suburbs, a otanical garden, a zoological garden and ten miles away on the slopes of the Grafenberg hills is a municipal forest-the further terminus of the street railway service. A number of the parks contain municipal restaurants. In the educational field the city has, of course, its art galleries, museums of natural history and aniquities, arts and crafts; also its municipal theater, where good companies play nine months in the year and give

Shakespeare season every year. delipality does everything-runk com a state system of insurance against old age and sickness, universal pen-sions for workmen and a provincial fire insurance system in which the municipality takes part. When one is disabled or stricken with disease there turned to her.

"Miss Waringford," he said, "I can't hide my real feelings for you any longer. I love you. I love you as much as call and judicious now in diseassing to receive him. It is conceivable that the municipal nursing home ready to receive him. It is conceivable that the municipal nursing home ready to receive him. It is conceivable that the municipal nursing home ready to receive him. It is conceivable that the municipal nursing home ready to receive him. nicipal eemetery-there is no other.

ing to propose to another girl. He is looking to see whether his prospective father-in-law is in the hundred-thousand-dollar class or not." About to propose to another girl. And now he was proposing. Therefore she was the other girl. And he had been looking at the page with "War" at the top. Was he looking for Waringford? Before she bad meant to say it she had said: "I suppose my father is rated A1, Mr. Barton?"

"I don't know what you mean," Mr. "Is indeed going strong against the prisoner."

"O, yes," said Miss Waringford, "I sounds silly. I know, and you are laughing at me, but if you knew how it hurt—what it means to me—O, i don't know what I'm saying." She dropped her head into her hands and sobbed.

"May I ask you," asked Mr. Barton, calmly. "how you happened to be in the office of Barrow & Co., bankers, at two o'clock this afternoon?"

"I don't know what you mean," Mr. why didn't he explain. She had Moford and we went in there to meet which cloudy condensation can take place. Accordingly, although dust is ordinarily necessary for cloud formaion, yet clouds may form in dustless "No, she wasn't there-and-I wish air miles above the earth. It should be added that when his original conclu-

There is a policeman's college in St. Petersburg to train applicants for the force. There is a museum com-bined with the school where the pu pils make themselves familiar chisels and contrivances for robbine collection boxes, a special field of Russian thieves. The Russian pass port system is studied in detail. duties of the dvorniks, a sort of assistant police, are taught. They keep watch on the residences, report on the habits of tenants, their visitors, examine the papers of newcomers and direct them to report themselves at the police station. The members of such a clever and e-implicated system need careful instruction.—N. Y.

Coloring Butterflies

New kinds of living butterfiles can be produced from existing forms by greatly increasing the temperature of the place where the butterfiles are place where the butterfiles are A difference in coloring and even n form has thus been obtained Prof. Fisher in recent experiments.-

which only contains 13 dwellings, is a record which will be hard to beat. Such a village is to be found in County Derry. Ireland, the only premises not licensed being the police barracks and a cream-ery.—Pearson's Weekly.

Malta's Population Malta is the most thickly iated island in the world. It has

# Freaks in Ferns Produced by the Ingenious Japs

They Are as Quaint a Novelty as Were Ever Brought to This Country.

novel ornament, quaint, curious, and yet picturesque, we at once say, "That was made in Japan:"
We Americans can appreciate the lightness and delicacy of the Japanese taste and workmanship, and we show that appreciation by lending financial support to our friends in the east, and having their strange knick-knacks fully packed in spagnam moss, which

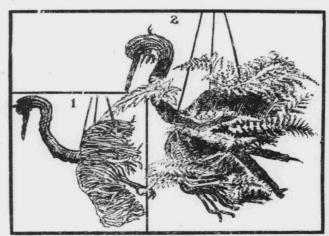
buying their strange knick-knacks and oddities. They give an air of lightness and brightness to our properties. homes that the homes of our respect-ed grandmothers knew not.

HENEVER we see some forts of his girl-helpers, whose quick novel ornament, quaint, and ready figure.

The fern roots, having been worked homes that the homes of our respective degradmothers knew not.

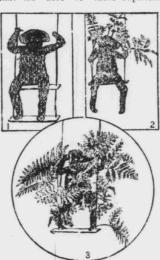
And Japan is continually bringing out something fresh. That enterprising and rising country never knows where novelty ends. She is lengths of very pliant wire, the girl always pushing along something which her keen business instincts tell her will "fetch" the prosaic person every time.

An artistic people will make artistic anything they touch. And the ment, pushes its leaves between the Japanese have recently entered the loosely-knitted cover of davallia root



American market with as quaint a novelty as ever they exported to this country. With the aid of a beautiful dwarf feathery fern-which grows in abundance over yonder—

It is astonishing how quickly the



ica. Now they have caught on to moist. such a remarkable extent that hun-

e. Saito is the designer of most off.

The fern should be kept quite dry mostly. The following creating the contract of the co the extraordinary-looking crea-

he may be seen during the fern freak due course after watering season superintending the busy ef-

## PHOTOGRAPHS ON FRUIT IN FRANCE.

Apples upon the surface of which are perfectly reproduced the photographs of the emperor and empress of Russia and of the president of the French republic have been shown in Ernech in France.

Before photography was employed. Bank of Canada at \$250 per share. images were produced by means of figures cut from paper and stuck on the surface. When the paper was removed, the image appeared light and the fruit dark, or vice versa, according to the manner in which the stock, which has recently paper was cut and applied.

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doesn't indicate it.

some spagnam moss, and several miles of davallia roo', they produce the various materials used in the hundreds of extraordinary designs, graceful as in the case of balls and of which are exceedingly difficult. ships; grotesque in the extreme so Take, for instance, the forming of a ras bird and animal caricature is miniature sailing-boat, with mas oncerned.

It is only about three years ago that the first of these Japanese quired shape, and in such a way that sprays will eventually appear from every portion of the hull, the mast and the sail-frame.

There is no limit to the ambition and resource of the "fern freak" designer. Mr. Saito will tackle the formation of a nearly life-size ele phant or horse as calmly as he does the common or garden fern ball which is intended to hang from the ceiling of room or conservatory.

Monkeys and toads are far find away the most favored by the pur-chasing public. Some very comical effects may be secured in the bend-ing or twisting of the limbs of these

imitations.

A fern-freak monkey on a trapeze is a delight to the younger generation as well as a quaint addition to decorative art. A toad, lying on a table or hanging on to the back of a chair, will, although somewhat creepy when seen unexpectedly, look very well as soon as the bright green of the young form leaves arout. of the young fern leaves sprout through his stringy skin.

I—The "skeleton" of a monkey on a swing at present quaint, but not very onamental. 2—The monkey's appearance interest when the ferr fronc's begin to shoot at through his skin-2—and when he is lotted in them from head to foot he at noce becomes an elegant object, good nough for the decoration of any room.

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In due time the fern roots will dreds of thousands were imported throw out a mass of dainty fronds to meet the demand of the buying through the outer covering. They

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### AMERICAN CAPITAL IN CANA-DIAN BANK STOCK.

Another notable instance of the disposition of American capitalists shown in an offer on the part of an American syndicate to take 5,609 shares of the stock of the Royal

quoted at about \$185 per share.

The directors of the bank have ac-

produced with all their de-Strong negative electrotypes provai of the shareholders. If the

According to the report to the ter that will not obstruct the rays of light, such as albumen or the white of an egg.

Canadian government on October 31, 1902, the total assets of the Royal Bank of Canada amounted to \$20. THORNWELL HAYNES. 216,964; the present capital stock fully paid, is \$2,000,000, and the sur Rejoicing with Her.

Minnie-Well, I'm glad Kit Spurdong is going to be married at last.

Lutie-The tone of your voice doesn't indicate it.

Minnie-But I am. When the list may be marriage ligouses is published. of marriage licenses is published be offered to the shareholders pro everybody will find cut she's 37 years rate, presumably at an early date.



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